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SAMUEL HIGGINS



Samuel Higgins of New York is one of the newly appointed members of the federal railway labor board.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IGNORED

SETTLEMENT OF YAPS IS BEGUN IS REPORT

A Plan is Proposed Which Would Bring Forth a Six Hour Working Day

Washington—Direct negotiations have been begun between the United States and Japan for the settlement of the questions pending between them. These include the Island of Yap, the immigration question, the alien land question and the return of Shantung to China by Japan. The negotiations are being conducted by Baron Shidehara, the Japanese ambassador, and Secretary Hughes. The settlement of the Yap question would make unnecessary the consideration of this question by the league of nations.

It had been expected that the Yap issue would be left to the adjustment by the league council, which is to meet very soon in Geneva. The French government, in answer to the American protest against the award of the mandate for the Island to Japan, said it would bring the subject before the council. It is understood that the basis for settlement in the negotiation between Ambassador Shidehara and Secretary Hughes will be the internationalization of the cable privileges on the island.

"Japan's promise to return Shantung to China, it is said, is to be executed as soon as practicable, and without reference of the question to any European tribunal. The initial steps have been taken for the evacuation of the portion of the province held by the Japanese, the military force having been reduced. Advice from Tokio have said that this force would be withdrawn as soon as China provided guards for the railroad and property in the towns.

CRUDE PRICE \$1 A BARREL

Big Companies Post Lowest Quotation Since 1916

Independence, Kansas—Another cut of 25 cents in Mid-Continent crude oil was announced by the Prairie Oil & Gas Company bringing the new price down to \$1 a barrel, the lowest since 1916.

The reduction follows a 25-cent cut made recently. Since January of this year when Mid-Continent crude reached the peak of \$3.50 the price steadily has tumbled. In 1916 crude oil from the Mid-Continent field sold as low as 90 cents a barrel, but at the end of that year it started on an upward swing.

The new price, according to oil men means that practically all operations will cease and that small wells must be closed down. Dollar oil, they declare, also will increase agitation for a tariff on oil since millions of barrels of Mexican crude are entering the United States every month.

WANTS POPULAR VOTE ON WAR

ALSO WANTS GOVERNMENT OWNED RAILROADS

The American Officials Hope to Reach An Understanding by 3 Hours Dealing

Denver, Colo.—Organized labor would demand that the power to declare war be withdrawn from congress and placed in the hands of the people, or constitutional amendment if a resolution presented is adopted by the convention of the American Federation of Labor.

The proposal provides that a declaration of war must have the approval of a majority of the voters of the country and that "all those voting in favor of the declaration of war be compelled to take up the active prosecution of the same before those who voted against the declaration of war."

A resolution submitted, signed by representatives of all railroad organizations, directs the executive council "to assist the recognized railroad labor organizations by every effort within their power to have proper legislation enacted providing for government ownership and domestic operation of the transportation systems of the United States."

Rail Operation Favored.

Another resolution presented by a group of ten delegates, recommends "prompt restoration of the railroads to unified government operation." Under the scheme of unified operation, it was stated, "freight rates should be reduced to those in force when the railroads were returned to their owners, in order to stimulate traffic and relieve agricultural and other legitimate business."

The central labor council of Seattle, Washington, in a resolution called upon the federation to "use all of its resources to carry into effect plans whereby a maximum six-hour day shall be established and all overtime abolished in industry." This action, it was stated, would relieve the "great menace of unemployment," by increasing the opportunity for work.

Modification of the Volstead act so as to permit the manufacture and sale of "a national beverage of wholesome beer" is demanded in a resolution introduced at the American Federation of Labor session while still another urged that congress be asked to submit the question of prohibition to a popular vote of the people.

JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN



Jacob Gould Schurman, for years president of Cornell University, has been appointed Ambassador to Japan.

FORT COBB LEVEE BREAKS

Livestock Drowned When Cobb Creek Floods Farm Districts.

Ft. Cobb, Okla.—Hundreds of cattle and hogs were drowned and many homes were flooded when the levee at Swan Lake, the source of Cobb Creek broke. The creek is the highest ever known, and 2,500 acres are under at least three feet of water, it is estimated.

MISS BELLE GREENE



Miss Belle Da Costa Greene, custodian of the J. Pierpont Morgan private library in New York, on whom France bestowed the gold palm of officer of public instruction, in recognition of services rendered to French art and culture.

NAME SHRINE OFFICERS

San Francisco Is Selected As Meeting Place In 1922.

Des Moines, Ia.—Having disposed of the routine business of electing officers by the simple process of promotion and the election of Thomas J. Houston of Medina Temple, Chicago, Ill., to the imperial outer guard.

Chief Rabbah, Ernest A. Cutts of Savannah, Ga. was elected imperial potentate to succeed Ellis L. Garretson of Tacoma Wash. The potentate took office immediately.

Other officers elected were: Imperial Chief Rabbah, Conrad V. Dykeman, Brooklyn, N. Y., imperial assistant rabbah, James E. Chandler, Kansas City, Mo., imperial high priest and prophet, James C. Burger, Denver, Col. imperial oriental guide, David W. Crox Jones, Houston, Texas; imperial ceremonial master, Clarence M. Dunbar, Providence, R. I., imperial second ceremonial master, Frank C. Jones, Houston, Texas; imperial marshal, Leo V. Youngworth, Los Angeles, Cal., and imperial captain of guards, Esten A. Fletcher, Rochester, New York.

William S. Brown of Pittsburg, Pa., was re-elected imperial treasurer and Benjamin W. Rowell of Boston, Mass., for the 28th time was named imperial recorder.

San Francisco was selected as the 1922 meeting place.

TRAIN THROUGH A BRIDGE

Chicago & Northwestern Passenger Coaches Thrown Into Flood

Chicago—Five persons were killed, eight seriously injured and twenty-seven passengers received minor injuries when a Chicago & Northwestern passenger train plunged through a bridge into flood waters near Crawford, Neb., according to dispatch received at the head office of the railroad.

The known dead later were increased to five when B. F. Skiller, mail clerk of Chadron died of injuries.

All dead and injured, Chadron advices said, were found in the smoker and baggage cars.

The bridge over a small stream collapsed as the train was passing over it, the dispatch said.

Sudden rising of Big Cottonwood creek, three miles east of Whitney, Neb., due to a local storm, weakened the Chicago & Northwestern bridge, and was responsible for the wrecking, according to railroad reports.

The tender, baggage, mail, day coach and chair cars plunged into the creek. The engine passed over safely and the sleeping cars remained on the tracks.

Bride Slayer Found Guilty.

Florence, Ala.—F. Whit Seay was found guilty late Wednesday of murder in the first degree in connection with the killing of his 20 year old bride and sentenced to be hanged.

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